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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The Intelligence organization of the Department of State endorses the conclusions reached by the NIS Committee for the implementation of the production of basic intelligence on petroleum, as outlined in paragraph 2 of your memorandum of July 20, and approves the draft memorandum to the Munitions Board concerning production of petroleum intelligence for NIS.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ W. Park Armstrong, Jr.
W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter

Director of Central Intelligence

Washington

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Petroleum Supplement to NIS

1. Reference is made to memorandum by Director of Central Intelligence, dated 20 July 1949, subject as above.

2. Intelligence Division, GSUSA, endorses the conclusions reached by the NIS committee with regard to the production of basic intelligence on petroleum and approves the forwarding of a memorandum to the Munitions Board along the lines of the draft inclosed in the reference memorandum.

/s/ S. LeRoy Irwin
S. LeROY IRWIN
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:

Subject: Petroleum Supplement to NIS

References: (a) Secret memo for DNI, et al from Director CIA, dtd
20 July 1949, same subject.
(b) Secret draft-memo for the Chairman, Munitions Board
attached to Reference (a).

1. The conclusions of the NIS Committee presented by reference (a) are endorsed.

2. The necessity of a Petroleum Supplement to NIS is recognized, and the efficiency of production by a single agency of such a technical study is appreciated. The Petroleum Committee of the Munitions Board is the logical agency to produce such a supplement to provide the maximum benefit to the armed forces.

3. During discussions with the Petroleum Committee, CIA should insure that the Petroleum Committee clearly understands that classified petroleum intelligence will be provided by Naval Intelligence for the use of the Petroleum Committee, in the production of the NIS Petroleum Supplement, only upon the condition that such classified intelligence will not be made available to any non-governmental agency by the committee without the express consent of Naval Intelligence.

3. Subject to the provisions of paragraph three, a memorandum similar to reference (b) is approved.

/s/ Thos. B. Inglis
THOS. B. INGLIS
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
Director of Naval Intelligence

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28 JUL 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Petroleum Supplement to NIS

1. In reply to the questions in par 3 of your memorandum of 20 July 1949, subject as above, I agree that the Petroleum Committee of the Munitions Board is the logical agency to prepare this material for the NIS program. It is recommended that CIA be the agency assigned the responsibility of coordination of Supplement V.

2. I understand that informal contact with the Petroleum Committee has indicated their willingness to accept responsibility for preparing this material, and concur in the draft memorandum for the Chairman of the Munitions Board.

C. P. CABELL
Major General, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONS BOARD

SUBJECT: Petroleum Intelligence Production for National Intelligence Surveys

1. The Intelligence Agencies of the Federal Government are currently developing a joint basic intelligence program under the coordination of the Central Intelligence Agency. This basic intelligence is being compiled and continuously maintained in National Intelligence Surveys (NIS) to cover foreign countries, areas, or broad special subjects, as appropriate.

2. At present, basic intelligence on petroleum is included in Subsection 62C (Petroleum) of NIS Chapter VI (Economic). This Subsection is designed to meet the needs of strategic planning and initial highest level operational planning. Careful study, however, has led to the conclusion that the legitimate requirements of government agencies for basic intelligence on petroleum can not be fully met by Subsection 62C and that there should be added to the NIS Program and placed in production with the least practicable delay a Petroleum Supplement to NIS.

3. Paragraph 1 a (6) of NSCIS No. 3, 13 January 1948, provides that departments or agencies of the government to be called on for contributions to the NIS Program may include agencies other than those represented permanently on the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

4. I should like the Petroleum Committee to give consideration to a proposal to furnish intelligence support in its field to the NIS Program.

5. [REDACTED] (telephone: Executive 6115, Extension 2860), Chairman of the NIS Committee, is designated as my representative to discuss NIS requirements

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in detail with members of the Petroleum Committee, and will render such assistance as may be needed by the Committee in considering this proposal.

Signed - R.H.H.

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